Supreme Court of India. Hearing is in progress.

(d) The dealerships/distributorship* under discretionary powers are allotted on compassionate grounds depending upon the circumstances of each case and the necessity for such allotment. Yearwise details of dealerships/distributorships allotted under discretionary powers during the last three years are indicated below:

Year	RO	LPG
1992-93 . . .	19	64
1993-94 . . .	55	57
1994-95 (April-October)	36	34

Stoppage of work by ONGC on certain Sites

2400. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSH1:
SHRI TR1LOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the operations of ONGC at the various sites Tosezu-1, HN-1 Champang, Dhansiri and others have been stopped or hampered during this year; if so, the details together with the reasons of stoppage;

(b) what is the estimated loss to ONGC each month at each place; and

(c) what steps have been taken to commence production and exploration work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. The • Naga Students Federation demanded that ONGC stop its activities in Nagaland and the licences/permits provided by the State Government to ONGC be revoked. They also demanded that the system of royalty be worked out again and made more beneficial *to* Naga people.

(b) The loss to ONGC from production at Champang and overheads is estimated to be around Rs. 5 crores per month.

(c)"The matter has been taken up with the State Government of Nagaland and the Union Home Ministry to permit ONGC to restart operations.

Requirement of LPG in Punjab

240.1. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND . NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total requirement of LPG in the country particularly in the Start of Punjab for the next three year*;

(b) whether our indigenous production will meet this requirement;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therfor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH • SHARMA): (a) to (d) The LPG production and demand estimated for the next three years are as under :

Figures in TMTPA

Year	LPG Production Estimate (Revised)	Demand Estimate (Revised)
1994-95 . . .	2756	3400
1995-96 . . .	2753	3726
1996-97 . . .	2808	4055

The Public Sector oil Companies are meeting the full demand of their existing customers. The shortfall in the indigenous availability and the consumption is being/proposed to be met through import. The LPG production is expected to increase from about 2.75 MMT in 1994-95 to about 4.75 MMT in 2001-2002 through the commissioning of new refineries and fractionators and agumenta-tion of LPG production capacity from public sector facilities at some of the existing sources. This does not include LPG availability from private sector sources. LPG import facilities atKandla andManga-lore each with annual import capacity of 600 TMTPA are expected to be commissioned during the last quarter of the year 1996.

Inviting private investors for long gestation projects

2402. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have invited private investors in its capita] intensive and long gestation projects;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) what is the response received from the private investors and whether Government consider it to be encouraging ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. IAFFER SHARIEF: (a) Yes Sir.

(b) (i) Railways have recently launched 'Build-Own-Lease-Transfer' (BOLT) scheme for projects which are capital intensive in nature. The details of various projectf tentatively identified for being offered under this scheme an: i~i